

# Allen County HamNews

Fort Wayne Radio Club

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

September 2001

Volume 2 Issue 9

## FCC Registration Number Becomes Mandatory In December

from *The ARRL Letter* – Get ready (again) for the FRN! Although the FCC has slipped the deadline before, the Commission said this week that, starting December 3, 2001, everyone doing business with the FCC—licensed or not—must obtain and use a 10-digit FCC Registration Number—or FRN. The FCC called the move “a first step” toward streamlining fee collection and tracking. Many amateurs registered with the Universal Licensing System (ULS) were assigned a 10-digit FRN by the Commission Registration System—or CORES—in a one-time cross-registration last year and notified by mail.

Details to implement CORES for the Amateur Service are still being worked out. Steve Linn of the FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau said just how CORES and ULS will work together remains up in the air. “CORES is not replacing the ULS database,” he explained, “but there are a lot of questions as to how it is to be integrated.” A final implementation with respect to Amateur Radio is “yet to be determined,” he said. Under the most likely scenario, however, CORES registration will supplant ULS registration for those who do not already have an FRN.

Those without an FRN will be required to register and provide one before transacting business with the FCC, whether or not a fee is required. An individual does not have to hold an FCC license to obtain an FRN. The requirement to obtain one extends to applicants for an Amateur Radio license as well as to anyone required to pay a fee to the FCC, such as those applying for a vanity call sign. CORES registrants will be required to supply a Taxpayer Identification Number—or TIN—typically a Social Security Number (SSN) for an individual. The FCC says CORES information is not made public.

An FRN will not be needed to file comments in rulemaking proceedings. Filings that do require an FRN but don't include one will be rejected. The FCC has not yet proposed replacing the

### What's Inside

Fort Wayne Radio Club News & Meeting Information	pg. 2
FWRC Mini hamfest pictures	pg. 3
ACARTS News & Meeting Information	pg. 4
ACARTS Minutes	pg. 5
Balloon Flight Carried Ham Radio	pg. 5
ISS Expedition 3 Crew Conducts Its First School Contact	pg. 5
ACARTS Could Use Your Help	pg. 6
Seismic Detection of Tornadoes	pg. 7
Foxhunt Scores and Info	pg. 7
Fort Wayne Hamfest Notice	pg. 8
YK9A - Behind the Scenes #4	pg. 9
ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service Address Changes With Call Sign	pg. 9
Regional Hamfests	pg. 9
VE Exam Schedule	pg. 10
For Sale/Wanted	pg. 10
CQ Contest Publishes Its Final Issue	pg. 10
Membership Application	pg. 11

ULS Licensee Identification Number with an FRN; many amateurs already have both, and both numbers appear in FCC licensee records. The ULS continues to be available to new registrants.

The FCC began implementing CORES last year. The agency announced the adoption of its new CORES/FRN rules on Au-

Continued on page 7

Allen County HamNews is a monthly joint publication of the Fort Wayne Radio Club (P.O. Box 15127, Fort Wayne, IN) and the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN).

Allen County HamNews is produced on a Macintosh 8500 using Adobe PageMaker.

Please send any articles, corrections, for sale notices, etc. to the editor, Victor Guess, WB9UZA, wb9uza@arrl.net. Please put “for newsletter” in the subject line. Text should be plain ASCII, graphics should be JPEG or GIF. For those computer impaired: snail mail to 3311 Sanibel Drive, Fort Wayne, IN, 46815-4755.

Deadline is the last Friday of the month.  
Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!

## ACARTS Special Events Station - Sep. 15

The Tech Committee of the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society will be using the call of KB9IBW operating from the traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial at the Highland Park Cemetery on September 15, from 1400z to 2300z on 7.226, 14.226, 144.39 APRS and 146.88 fm. Certificate to Emery McClendon Sr., 6116 Graymoor, Fort Wayne, IN 46835. If anyone wants to operate, just show up between 1400z and 2300z. If turnout is large we will run longer. The special event station will serve as the Tech meeting for Sept. Thanks, KB9IBW

## Internet Home Pages:

Fort Wayne Radio Club:

<http://www.fortwayneradioclub.org>

ACARTS site:

<http://www.acarts.com>

# Hamsplatter

Fort Wayne Radio Club

P.O. Box 15127, Fort Wayne, IN

## Officers

### President:

Steve Nardin  
WB9ZIY 483-4039  
WB9ZIY@hotmail.com

### Vice President:

Tom Baker  
N9TB 747-2714  
n9tb@arrl.net

### Secretary:

Al Burke  
WB9SSE 637-1989  
woffermom@cs.com

### Treasurer:

Bob Streeter  
W8ST 672-9737  
w8st@arrl.net

### Communications

#### Manager:

Clint Stedje  
KB9LOF 485-4067  
jrstedje@juno.com

### Board of Directors

Carole Burke  
WB9RUS 637-1989  
wb9rus@cs.com

Jim Pliett  
K9OMA 693-9211  
k9oma@netusa1.net

Wayne Bergamino  
KB9OZH 482-1967  
kb9ozh@aol.com

Bill Meints  
N9NAI



## President's Corner



The months of September and October are going to fun but busy times for our club. WHY? Here are a few of the highlights:

### FWRC NOMINATIONS

An important function at this month's meeting will be the nominations of our club officers for the 2002 radio year. Any club members that would like to get in on the fun (...and I really mean that when I say it is fun!!) are encouraged to step forward and enter the nominations. Serving on the board is not the drudgery that it may appear! Actually, it is a great way to increase your enjoyment of the Amateur Radio hobby.

### ON THE AIR CODE CLASSES

To help hams and non-hams alike, we are planning to hold on the air code practice using audio oscillators (MCW) on the 146.76 repeater. The structure of the classes is still in the definition stage, but interest has been strong enough to move forward. Planned start of this activity is Monday, September 24 at 7:00 PM. We hope to run this class Monday thru Thursday. Daytime classes for people who work second shift are being considered.

All those you are interested in the code class are asked to e-mail Steve Nardin, WB9ZIY. This is not essential, but it gives us an idea as to the level of participation.

### JOTA

Mark your calendars for October 20! This years Jamboree On The Air is also in final planning stages. We will be operating from the McMillen Girl Scout Camp, site of this year's Field Day, in the building known as the "Lodge". For details on JOTA, including frequencies; etc., check the club web site. We will have a sign up sheet at the September meeting for those interested in helping at this important event.

### FWRC FIX THE TRAILER WEEK

Club members are invited to help out with the refurbishing of the club's trailer. The week of Sep-

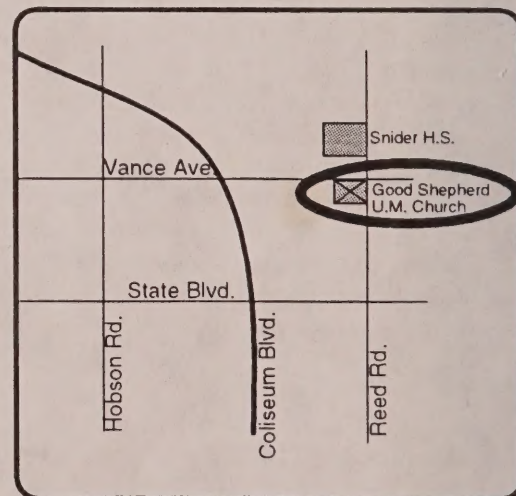
tember 17th through the 22nd at Carl, N9NRO's QTH. Several issues need to be addressed, including the starter on the generator, and some repair of the body structure.

### SEPT. MEETING

This month's meeting will be held on Friday, September 21st. The presentation will be THE NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM, presented by Bill Hall, WD9HII. The October meeting on 19th will feature a talk by Allen County Emergency Coordinator, Ed LaRouche, so make plans to attend.

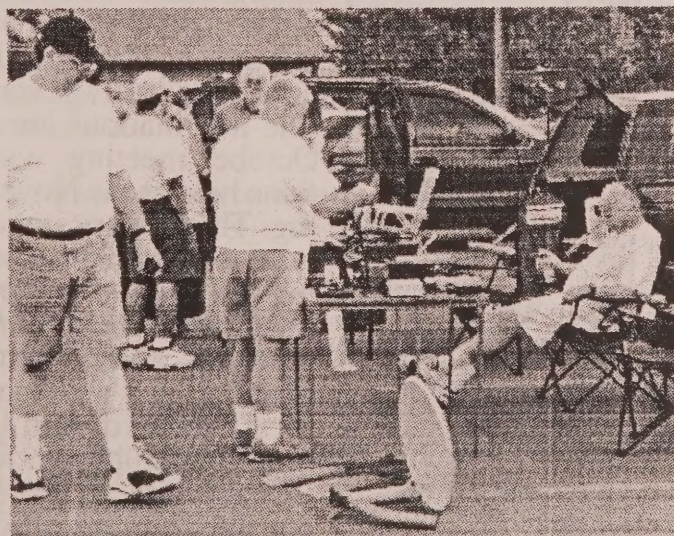
My personal thanks to Jim Pliett, K9OMA, for repairing the FWRC 146.76 repeater, which was damaged apparently by lightning on August 21st. Also, thanks to Bill Hall, WD9HII, for his initial investigation of the problem.

73, Steve



## Sept. Meeting

Friday, Sept. 21, 2001, 7:30 PM  
Program: THE NATIONAL  
TRAFFIC SYSTEM, pre-  
sented by Bill Hall, WD9HII

**Fort Wayne Radio Club Mini Hamfest - Aug. 17, 2001****QSL Card from the Space Station**

The space station QSL card has arrived and will be on display at the Sept. meeting. - Wayne KB9OZH

# STATE OF THE ARTS

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN

## ACARTS Officers

### President

Vic Berko, KA9LTV  
(219) 747-0938  
vberko@juno.com

### Vice President

Dave Lindquist, W9LKH  
(219) 485-6135  
w9lkh@compuserve.com

### Secretary

OPEN

### Treasurer

Howard Pletcher, N9ADS  
(219) 747-5252  
n9ads@juno.com

## ACARTS Managers

### Activities

OPEN

### Emergency Preparedness

Richard Andrew, KB9VAQ  
(219) 373-0644  
rcandrew@iquest.net

### Communications

Victor Guess, WB9UZA  
(219) 485-7472  
wb9uza@arrl.net

### Station Manager

Doug Jones, N9NNT  
(219) 432-9277  
djones2233@aol.com

### Fundraising Manager

Jim Boyer, KB9IH  
(219) 489-6700  
jim.boyer@home.com

### W9INX Trustee

Doug Jones, N9NNT  
(219) 432-9277  
djones2233@aol.com

### Tech Committee

Emery McClendon, KB9IBW  
(219) 485-4120  
kb9ibw@juno.com

## President's Message



Last month's general meeting was the annual family picnic. I would like to thank Jim - KB9IH, and Corrine Boyer, for hosting the picnic at their home. The turnout was small, but all who attended had a good time and enjoyed some good food and friendship.

With the passage of Labor Day comes the unofficial end of summer and the advent of fall. For AC-ARTS, this means two major events in our calendar year. First and most important is the nominations and election of officers for 2002. We need to setup a nominating committee to oversee the election process. We need to have officers in place so that we can hold our other big event next year. The nominations are held at the October meeting, with the elections held at the November meeting. This is very important if we want to maintain our nonprofit status and hold a Hamfest next year. The Hamfest helps us maintain our repeaters, and permitted us to replace all the antennas this year. Please come forward and help support your club. Run for an office. Several of the officers cannot run for their current office again because they have served the maximum of two consecutive years as allowed in our bylaws. The managers have no limits on their positions.

The next big event of course is the Hamfest in November. By now all

of the managers should have gotten their workers packages and have started calling people who worked for them last year. If you are new to AC-ARTS and would like to help at the Hamfest, contact one of the officers or the Hamfest Chairman, Jim Boyer - KB9IH. This is our fund raiser and it takes a lot of people to put on a two day Hamfest. Please help out if you can. Also remember the election of officers so the we can continue to hold this event. That's all for now.

73, Vic - KA9LTV

## Meeting Schedule

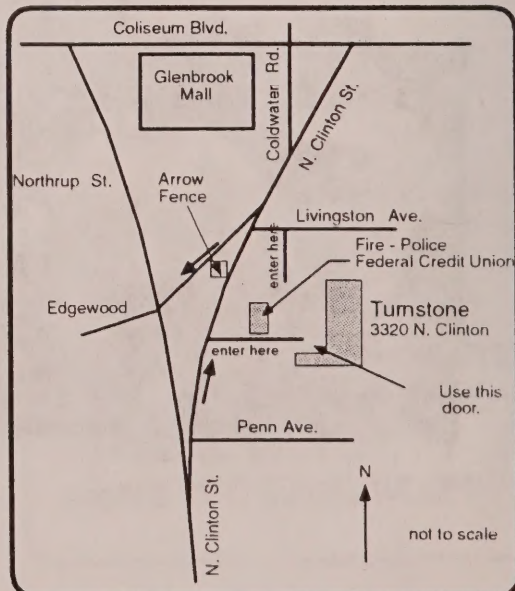
All meetings are at 7:30 PM at Turnstone unless otherwise noted.

Sept. Meeting: Tue, 9/18/01. Program: TBD

Board Meeting: 10/9/2001

All members are encouraged to attend.

Tech Committee: See Special Event Station article on page 1.



## ACARTS Aug. Board Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV. Vic asked if anyone had any ideas for the program for the September meeting. A trip to the National Weather Service office in North Webster sometime in the future was discussed.

Richard, N9HRA, mentioned that the Fort Wayne Radio Club is planning to hold Morse Code classes on one of the repeaters in the near future.

It was brought to the board's attention that Greg, KB9LDU, has resigned as club secretary because new employment conflicts with the meeting schedule.

Doug, N9NNT, reported that all the new antennas at the repeater site were in place. There was a problem with the lower 2 meter antenna that the installer will check when he gets a chance. A problem with the 147.255 amplifier board is being repaired and that repeater is expected to be back on the air shortly. Doug also said that when the other 2 meter antenna is back in service, APRS will no longer share the 146.88 antenna, reducing the number of filters in line. A pre-amp will be added to the 146.88 repeater's receiver to increase sensitivity.

Emery, KB9IBW, reported on the progress of the arrangements for the special events station at Highland Park Cemetery when the Viet Nam Wall visits on the weekend of September 15, 2001. He also stated that the organizers have requested to have some amateur radio operators to assist with security and crowd control during the event.

A motion to adjourn was called by Richard, N9HRA, and seconded by Dave, W9LKH.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

## Balloon Flight Carried Ham Radio

from *The ARRL Letter* – High-altitude balloon flight carried ham radio payload: Edge of Space Sciences is declaring its latest balloon launch a success. The Denver, Colorado-based non-profit organization promotes science and education by exploring frontiers in Amateur Radio and high-altitude balloons. EOSS reports that its Flight 51 was launched and recovered successfully on August 25. Seven payloads were on board. "ATV from the balloon was spectacular," said Jack Roland, KE0VH. "It showed the balloon going through a snowstorm as it ascended through 25,000 feet, on its way to its maximum altitude of slightly more than 90,000 feet." Roland said the EOSS team had clear pictures throughout the entire flight. Future flights will incorporate a crossband repeater. For more information, visit the EOSS Web site <<http://www.eoss.org/index.html>>.

## ISS Expedition 3 Crew Conducts Its First School Contact

from *The ARRL Letter* – Youngsters at Seabrook Intermediate School in Texas got their new school year off to a banner start by speaking with the International Space Station via ham radio. The September 4 contact was carried out as part of the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station program. Crew Commander Frank Culbertson, KD5OPQ, took the NAISS microphone for the first of what's hoped will be several school contacts during his crew's four-month stay.

Ten youngsters in grades six through eight from the school's Science Magnet Program took part in the contact. Among other things, the students wanted to know how life aboard the ISS compared with the space shuttle.

"The space shuttle is fairly small," Culbertson said, comparing it to "a camper on the back of a pickup truck." The space station is huge in comparison. "It's like night and day between the two," he said. "For living in space, the space station is the way to go." Culbertson said he's enjoying weightlessness aboard the ISS.

One youngster wanted to know if the crew was able to shower aboard Space Station Alpha. "We don't actually take showers," Culbertson explained. "That would be pretty messy." He said the crew cleans up using a wash cloth and hot water, plus special soap and shampoo that does not need to be rinsed off but can just be wiped dry with a towel.

"It's been a real pleasure talking with you guys," Culbertson said as he signed off from NAISS. The students reacted with loud applause.

Participating youngsters were enthusiastic about their ARISS experience. "That was just so cool talking to people over 210 nautical miles straight up," said Banks, a sixth grader. Seventh grader Adam, who hopes to become an astronaut, called it "a very eye-opening experience." Savannah, another sixth grader, said she hoped to get her ham ticket.

Coordinating the ARISS contact at the school was Bill Wood, W5OOD, with help from the Clear Lake Amateur Radio Club (K5HOU) and the Johnson Space Center Amateur Radio Club (W5RRR). Sandy Peck, the school's science coordinator, said some of her students are hoping to attend a licensing class in the spring.

The ISS crew is tentatively scheduled to speak next week with students at Altamonte Elementary School in Florida.

The ARISS program is a cooperative venture of ARRL, AMSAT and NASA. For more information, visit the ARISS Web site <<http://ariss.gsfc.nasa.gov>>. —Bruce Paige, KK5DO, provided some information for this report



## ACARTS Could Use Your Help

We have two relatively simple things that ACARTS would appreciate your help with for the upcoming Fort Wayne Hamfest, November 17th & 18th.

### Item #1

One of the biggest "pre-hamfest" tasks is for the managers to call all of last years workers to ask them to work at this years event. For some managers that can be as many as 50-60 telephone calls, which as you can imagine, takes a lot of their time.

We would like to try something a little different this year, and for this we need your help. If you worked last year, and would like to help again this year, we would like YOU to contact your manager and volunteer your time. This can be by phone, or better yet by email, such that they could easily respond with a confirmation. There are several possible ways to let them know what you can do:

- 1) simply tell them that you would like to do the same job and the same time slot as last year
- 2) tell them you'll take the same job, but give them a couple of preferred times
- 3) tell them what job or jobs you are interested in, and what times you would be available

By you contacting them, it will save them a lot of work, for which they will certainly be grateful.

Here is the list of managers, with phone numbers and email addresses. If you did not work last year, please contact the manager of an area you think would be interesting, and offer your services. Workers time slots are usually 3 hours long, and people are needed Friday from 2 to 9 PM, Saturday from 6 AM to 4 PM and Sunday from 8 AM to 5 PM. Please take a minute in the next few days and contact them.

General Chair	KB9HH	James Boyer	219-489-6700	j i m . b o y e r @ h o m e . c o m
<mailto:jim.boyer@home.com>Announcers				
Announcers Plat.	W9SA	Bill Anders	219-693-0027	banders@fwi.com
Club Sales Table	KA9LTV	Victor Berko	219-747-0938	vberko@juno.com
Info Display	WB9UZA	Victor Guess	219-485-7472	wb9uza@arrl.net
Inside Traffic	WB9UNL	David Keiser	219-244-3322	wb9unl@yahoo.com
Outside Traffic	N9PDX	Richard Yergens	219-486-1432	wefax2@qwestinternet.net
Security	open (any volunteers??)		contact KB9HH	
Table Sales	N9ADS	Howard Pletcher	219-747-5252	n9ads@arrl.net
Talk-In	WD9HHI	Bill Hall	219-485-3995	w d 9 h i i @ i n f i . n e t
<mailto:wd9hii@fortwayne.infi.net>				
Vendor Check-in	KF9TP	Mary Bolin	219-724-4721	bolin@onlyinternet.net
Miscellaneous	contact KB9HH			

### Item #2

This one is even easier. We will shortly be arranging air time for our radio station commercials, and the guy working on that, Charlie Willer, WB9ULN, would like your help in determining which stations we should work with. Please take a moment to answer these questions, and send your response to Charlie at: ChasWiller@aol.com

1. If you have one favorite radio station, what is it?
2. If you have a second favorite station, what is it?
3. Is there a radio feature (program) you strive to hear daily or weekly? What it is (feature name and station call)?
4. What wide-area radio stations do you listen to? (WLW? WJR? WOWO? etc.)

Thanks a lot for your help. ACARTS is your club, and helping with these two items will definitely benefit us all.

73 Don WB8HQS

Webmaster for [www.acarts.com](http://www.acarts.com) <<http://www.acarts.com>> and [www.fortwaynehamfest.com](http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com) <<http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>>

## Seismic Detection of Tornadoes

condensed from *Science News*, Vol 159 - Meteorologists have had good results so far using Doppler radar to detect funnel clouds but very often these never touch down. Current Doppler radar can't distinguish between an aloft funnel cloud and a tornado so there is a high number of false alarms. [If there is rotation, this is still a dangerous storm and this fact should be reported! - editor]

To distinguish between an aloft funnel and a tornado they are turning to seismic detectors. Tornadoes produce rumbles in the earth with a frequency between 2 and 269 Hz when they touch down and researchers have had success in picking up their signature using a network of seismic sensors. They have developed software to pick out the tornado signature from the rumbles of trucks and trains.

These rumbles have a range of only about 10 miles so an effective detection network would require a grid of seismic detectors spaced every 10 miles. [Fortunately the cost of these detectors is dropping.] A detection grid and software can then track the touchdown point. Meteorologists expect the system to be especially useful where hilly terrain blocks the view of spotters. They expect to install a trial network within a year.

## CORES - Continued from page 1

gust 31 and detailed the requirements in a Report and Order.

In its Order, the FCC sounded almost apologetic for imposing yet another set of numbers on licensees and applicants. "We realize that the manner in which our electronic systems have developed has results in a multiplicity of numbers, passwords and identifiers," the FCC conceded. The FCC said that once various electronic filing systems—such as ULS—in-  
corporate CORES and FRN into their application process, "the need to maintain registration information in multiple systems will be eliminated."

The FCC said CORES makes provision for the registration of foreign nationals unable to obtain an SSN by providing the ability to register without one. The FCC has required that club stations obtain an assigned TIN when registering in the ULS. In an apparent about-face, the FCC's CORES Order states that unincorporated radio clubs registering in CORES should use the TIN/SSN of the license trustee. The ARRL has asked the FCC to clarify.

The on-line filing system and further information on CORES is available by visiting the FCC CORES Web page,

<<https://svartifoss2.fcc.gov/cores/CoresHome.html>>. A copy of the FCC R&O is available on the ARRL Web site, <<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2001/09/04/3/cores-ro.pdf>>.

**Tornadoes produce rumbles in the earth with a frequency between 2 and 269 Hz when they touch down.**

## 2001 FOXHUNT SCORES

HUNTER	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	TOTAL
N9LOV	3	3	1.5	3	1.5	2	1.5				15.5
N9NRO	3	3	1.5	3	1.5	2	1.5	2			17.5
KB9DOT	4	1.5	2	1	2	1	3	1			15.5
KB9DOS	4	1.5	2	1	2	1	3	1			15.5
KB9LOF	4	1.5	2	1	2	1	3	1			15.5
N9GK	1		3	1.5	1	2		2			10.5
KB9NRA	1		3	1.5	1						6.5
KB9OZH					3	1	2				6
WB9ZIF	2	1					1	1			5
K9OMA	2	2	1	2	3	1	2				13
KA9YYI		2		2							4

The next foxhunt will be held Oct. 9 at 6:30 PM starting from the off-track betting parlor parking lot off W. Washington Cir. Rd. We welcome anyone to participate, by riding along or bringing some equipment to hunt with. I am always willing to help with questions, equipment design or tips. 73, Carl N9NRO



**Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo  
Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention  
November 17 - 18, 2001, Fort Wayne, Indiana**

The 29th Annual Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo and Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention, sponsored by the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (AC-ARTS), will be held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum at the corner of Indiana 930 (Coliseum Blvd.) and Parnell Ave. Open to the public 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. EST on Saturday and 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. EST on Sunday. Vendor setup is Friday evening and Saturday morning. Admission is only \$5.00 (good for both days) at the door only. Parking is \$2.00. There are over 1000 commercial and flea market tables (152,000 sq. ft.), all under one roof, containing both new and used radio, computer, and general electronics items. **Our guest speaker this year will be FCC Special Council for Amateur Radio Enforcement, Riley Hollingsworth.** Vendors include several International ham equipment manufacturers. Activities will include many forums and meetings and VE testing on Saturday. Shuttle bus service provided to and from commuter airport (Smith Field) and shopping centers. Talk-in on 146.88(-). For more information leave a message on the answering machine at (219) 483-8163 (tables) or (219) 484-1314 (general information) and you will be contacted. You can also send an SASE to AC-ARTS / Fort Wayne Hamfest, P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46851, or visit our World Wide Web site at <http://www.acarts.com>.

## YK9A - Behind The Scenes #4

Some words about YK1AO and Syria

Overall our YK9A operation went pretty smooth. The license only took a couple months, we bypassed Customs at the Damascus airport with all of our equipment, we had run of the STE building (our operating site), etc. What made this possible was a terrific effort by Omar, YK1AO.

He's 64, and very well educated. He's a consultant in the communications industry in Damascus. He has a BSEE from the University of Alexandria (Egypt) and a PhD in Technical Sciences from the Academy of Communications (in Leningrad, if I remember correctly). He's a member of the IEEE, and so far is the only Syrian resident to have a paper published by the IEEE (it's about MSK and interference).

He is very outspoken toward the Syrian government, and his hot button while we were there was their educational system. He also has a great sense of humor, and he worked tirelessly to make our YK9A operation as easy as possible. Being a retired Brigadier General in the Syrian army probably helped a bit, too.

He and his lovely wife Siham (YK1YL) have two teenagers still living at home, and three older offspring schooling/working in the US. He's quite familiar with Western culture, so any of our blunders toward their culture was not too surprising to him.

There are no private homes in or around Damascus, so everyone lives in apartments. Omar and Siham have a medium size flat, and his antennas are on the roof. His

station is a table in the kitchen/dining area. Nothing fancy - just bare minimum.

Vicky and I would love to go back someday. Syria was nothing like we expected. I think we half expected to see jeeps full of armed military personnel driving up and down the streets of Damascus, or terrorists running around. We saw nothing of the sort. We also expected a more arid environment, being in the Mideast. But Syria is pretty far west (almost on the Mediterranean), and Damascus had a decent amount of trees (but not enough by a long shot, as Omar pointed out).

Carl K9LA

**What made this possible was a terrific effort by Omar, YK1AO.**

## ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service Address Changes With Call Sign

from *The ARRL Letter* - ARRL Information Systems Manager Don Durand reminds ARRL members who are planning to obtain new calls sign that their ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service address will follow suit. So, plan ahead. The @arrl.net system is designed to provide only one e-mail forwarding address per member, based on your current call sign. Durand says the system will automatically update your ARRL E-Mail Forwarding System address to reflect your new call sign. ARRL membership records also are automatically updated using data provided by the FCC Amateur Service database. Visit the ARRL E-Mail Forwarding Service page <<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/emailfwd.html>> for more information.

## Regional Hamfests

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
15 Sep 2001	Caledonia (Grand Rapids), MI		<a href="http://www.w8dc.org">http://www.w8dc.org</a>
16 Sep 2001	Adrian, MI	517-263-0615	<a href="http://www.I.N.I.net/~w8tqc">http://www.I.N.I.net/~w8tqc</a>
23 Sep 2001	Cleveland, OH	800-253-3378	<a href="http://www.hac.org">http://www.hac.org</a>
7 Oct 2001	Bedford, IN	812-849-0095	<a href="http://www.hoosierhillshamfest.org">http://www.hoosierhillshamfest.org</a>
14 Oct 2001	Lansing, MI	517-676-2710	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/lcdra/hamfair.org.html">http://www.qsl.net/lcdra/hamfair.org.html</a>
21 Oct 2001	Warren, MI	810-791-4669	<a href="http://www.useca.org">http://www.useca.org</a>
21 Oct 2001	Kalamazoo, MI		<a href="http://www.qsl.net/k8blo/hamfest.htm">http://www.qsl.net/k8blo/hamfest.htm</a>
28 Oct 2001	Massillon, OH	330-837-3091	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/w8np">http://www.qsl.net/w8np</a>
4 Nov 2001	Benton Harbor, MI	616-982-0404	<a href="http://www.comdac.com/bara">http://www.comdac.com/bara</a>
17-18 Nov	Fort Wayne, IN	219-484-1314	<a href="http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com">http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com</a>
24 Nov 2001	Evansville, IN	812-479-5741	<a href="http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm">http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm</a>
9 Dec 2001	Greenfield, IN		<a href="mailto:kb9vzl@excite.com">kb9vzl@excite.com</a>

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm>.



## VEC Schedule

22-Sep-2001

Sponsor: VAN WERT VE GROUP

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROBERT E HIGH (419)795-5763

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA BLDG 1220 EAST RIDGE RD

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

VAN WERT, OH 45891

29-Sep-2001

Sponsor: W5YI-VEC — WHITLEY COUNTY ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER (219)691-3009

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: WHITLEY COUNTY JAIL

BASEMENT MEETING ROOM 101 W MARKET ST - SUITE C

N9QCL@ARRL.NET

COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

11-Oct-2001

Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC

Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: LYLE L LONG (219)875-8455

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER

HOMAN BUILDING

GREENCROFT BLVD

GOSHEN, IN 46525

27-Oct-2001

Sponsor: VAN WERT VE GROUP

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROBERT E HIGH (419)795-5763

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA BLDG 1220 EAST RIDGE RD

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

VAN WERT, OH 45891

03-Nov-2001

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: WILLIAM C HALL (219)485-3995

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: ALLEN COUNTY LIBRARY

GEORGETOWN BRANCH 6600 E STATE BLVD

COMMUNITY ROOM

FORT WAYNE, IN 46815

24-Nov-2001

Sponsor: W5YI-VEC — WHITLEY COUNTY ARC

Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER (219)691-3009

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: WHITLEY COUNTY JAIL

BASEMENT MEETING ROOM 101 W MARKET ST - SUITE C

N9QCL@ARRL.NET

COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

24-Nov-2001

Sponsor: VAN WERT VE GROUP

Time: 2:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: ROBERT E HIGH (419)795-5763

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: EMA BLDG 1220 EAST RIDGE RD

PRE-REGISTRATION PREFERRED

VAN WERT, OH 45891



## For Sale & Wanted

- AEA Isopole 2 m vertical w/ manual. Needs some cleaning. \$20. This antenna was donated to ACARTS but we don't have an immediate need for it.

- Mr. Wiggs type tower: 3 ten ft. sections, buyer takes down. Asking \$25.

Call or e-mail if interested.

Vic, WB9UZA, 219-485-7472, wb9uza@arrl.net.

• • •

YAESU FT-707 XCVR, HF 80-10 m, all mode; MARS ready, \$400 OBO

Clint Sledge, KB9LOF, 485-4067

**NOTE:** For Sale & Wanted items will be listed for 2 months only unless the ad is resubmitted. If you sell an item the first month, please contact the editor so the item can be removed.

## CQ Contest Publishes Its Final Issue

from *The ARRL Letter* — CQ Contest magazine has put out its last issue. Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, says the magazine, in publication for almost six years, has been losing money for the past several years, and the decision to cease publication with the October issue was strictly a business decision. The content for the ham radio niche publication will be absorbed into CQ. "CQ's dedication to the contest community is in no way diminished," Ross said in "A Message from the Publisher" in CQ Contest's final edition. All CQ Contest subscribers will be converted to CQ subscribers or have their CQ subscriptions extended on a dollar-for-dollar basis, starting with the November issue of CQ. In his "The Band Edge" editorial in the October issue, CQ Contest Editor Bob Cox, K3EST, says the magazine's legacy might be carried forward in the form of a Web publication to serve the contesting community. The demise of CQ Contest leaves National Contest Journal—published by ARRL—as the sole hard-copy magazine aimed at the Amateur Radio contesting community.

# Membership Application for ☐ FWRC - or - ☐ ACARTS (check one)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License class: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ -<sup>4</sup> Phone #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted? ☐ Yes

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member? ☐ Yes

## Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

- Regular membership ☐ \$15.00 / year  
 Family membership <sup>1</sup> ☐ \$21.00 / year  
 Student membership <sup>2</sup> ☐ \$6.00 / year  
 Associate membership <sup>3</sup> ☐ \$15.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.  
 2. K-12 or full time student

## A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

- Regular membership ☐ \$12.00 / year  
 Additional family members <sup>1</sup> ☐ \$6.00 / year  
 Student membership <sup>2</sup> ☐ \$6.00 / year  
 Associate membership <sup>3</sup> ☐ \$6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

3. unlicensed member  
 4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. How would you like your newsletter delivered? ☐ by snail mail ☐ download from web site.

Please attach a check (number \_\_\_\_\_) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

Fort Wayne Radio Club  
 PO Box 15127  
 Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.  
 PO Box 10342  
 Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club.

## ACARTS Voice Repeaters

- 146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority  
 147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority  
 443.800 (+) General use  
 (All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

## ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

- 144.390 (s) APRS - wide  
 145.010 (s) General use, NETROM (FWA) - wide  
 223.660 (s) BBS use ONLY NETROM (FWA220) - wide

## Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

- Voice: 146.76 (-) General use; (2 sec. initial keyup delay)  
 146.94 (-) General use with autopatch  
 146.91 (-) Autopatch only  
 444.875 (+) General use  
 ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

## Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

IMO: meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88

## Area Traffic Nets - Continued

Auburn: meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 6 p.m. (2300 UTC) on 147.015+

21 Repeater Group: meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

## Miscellaneous Nets

Huntington ARES: Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

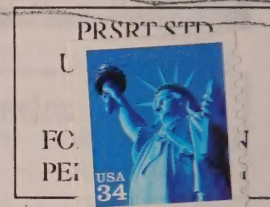
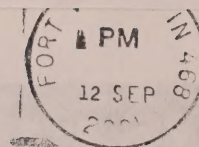
Whitley Co. / ARES: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270  
 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

Whitley Co. Sunday: Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

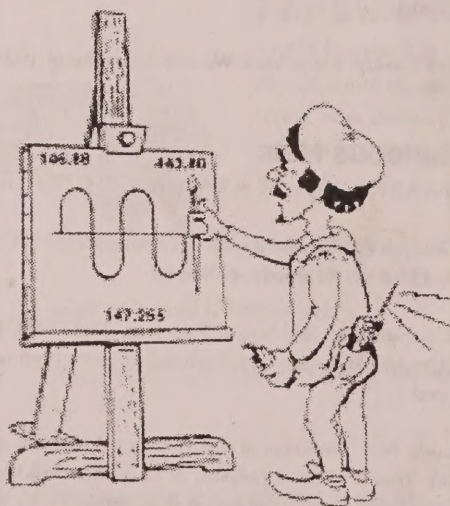
Sloppy Code Net: Sundays at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 40M (7.1405 MHz). This CW net's purpose is to build confidence and help increase code speed. The speed is generally 1-10 WPM. If you want to copy only contact Henry, KA9ZNN at 749-8968 for details.

Six Meter AM net (informal): Every Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on 50.580 MHz.

Allen County HamNews  
PO BOX 10342  
FORT WAYNE, IN 46851



TO:



W9INX/R

